

In the claims:

1.-47. (canceled)

48. (Currently amended) A method of treating erythema resulting from rosacea in a subject comprising administering topically to the skin of said subject a composition comprising ~~an effective amount of an alpha-1 adrenoreceptor agonist~~ about 0.05% to about 30% of oxymetazoline as the sole active agent for treating the erythema resulting from rosacea, wherein said ~~alpha-1 adrenoreceptor agonist~~ oxymetazoline is effective to decrease the erythema resulting from rosacea.

49.-52. (canceled)

53. (Currently amended) The method of claim 48, wherein said composition further comprising comprises administering a therapeutically effective amount of at least one other active agent selected from the group consisting of anti-rosacea agents effective for treating a manifestation of rosacea other than the erythema, antibacterial agents, antiparasitic agents, antifungal agents, anti-inflammatory agents, antihistamines, anti-pruriginous agents, anesthetics, antiviral agents, keratolytic agents, anti free-radical agents, antiseborrheic agents, antidandruff agents, antiacne agents, sunscreens and sun blocking agents, and active agents which modify at least one of cutaneous differentiation, proliferation, and pigmentation, wherein said other active agent is effective to treat a manifestation of rosacea other than the erythema or effective to treat other skin conditions.

54. (Previously presented) The method of claim 48, wherein said composition is selected from solutions, gels, lotions, creams, ointments, foams, emulsions, microemulsions, milks, serums, aerosols, sprays, dispersions, microcapsules, vesicles and microparticles thereof.

55. (Previously presented) The method of claim 48, wherein said composition is selected from soaps and cleansing bars.

56. (Previously presented) The method of claim 48, wherein said composition is a cream.

57. (Previously presented) The method of claim 48, wherein said composition is a gel.

58. (Previously presented) The method of claim 48, wherein said composition is a lotion.

59. (Previously presented) The method of claim 48, wherein said erythema resulting from rosacea is elicited by at least one factor selected from the group consisting of intake of food, of hot or alcoholic drinks, temperature variations, heat, exposure to ultraviolet or infrared radiation, exposure to low relative humidity, exposure of the skin to strong winds or currents of air, exposure of the skin to surfactants, irritants, irritant dermatological topical agents, and cosmetics.

60. (canceled)

61. (Currently amended) The method of claim 48, wherein said composition comprises about 0.1% to about 10% of said ~~alpha-1-adrenoreceptor agonist~~ oxymetazoline.

62. (Previously presented) The method of claim 48, wherein said composition further comprises about 50% to about 99.999% of a carrier.

63. (Previously presented) The method of claim 48, wherein said composition further comprises about 70% to about 99.99% of a carrier.